

ESTILO INDIRECTO (Indirect or reported speech) PRACTICE:

STATEMENTS

- 1.- *"I arrived here last week", he said.*
- 2.- *"I always go camping in summer, she said.*
- 3.- *"It isn't so foggy today as it was yesterday", I remarked.*
- 4.- *"I've just bought a new car, but I can't drive it", my mother told me.*
- 5.- *"My brother wants to be a taxi driver", said Mary.*
- 6.- *"I've got no idea what the time is, but I'll dial 123 and find out", said Tom.*
- 7.- *"All the students must study hard", the teacher said.*
- 8.- *"They stole this dress from here", the police said.*
- 9.- *"I'd like a salad to start with", said my girlfriend.*
- 10.- *"The murderer had killed her", said the officer.*

VERBOS INTRODUCTORIOS BÁSICOS

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| 1.- She _____ me she didn't agree. | 4.- She _____ to me and smiled. |
| 2.- He _____, "Have we met before?" | 5.- Could you _____ me the time? |
| 3.- I _____ them I wasn't happy with her work. | |

LAS PREGUNTAS EN ESTILO INDIRECTO

- 1.- *"What is your new house like?", I asked them.*
- 2.- *"Can I buy some cigarettes here?", I asked the attendant.*
- 3.- *"Did you hear a terribly crash this morning?", said Mary.*
- 4.- *"Are you going to London tomorrow?", the boss said.*
- 5.- *"Are you sorry for what you did?", the mother said to the child.*
- 6.- *"Where have you been?", His parents asked him.*
- 7.- *"Do you have the driving licence?", the policeman asked the driver.*
- 8.- *"Will you be a better boy?", the mother said to the child.*
- 9.- *"Have you studied yet?, the teacher said.*
- 10.- *"Why are you driving on the right?", the policeman asked the driver.*

LAS ÓRDENES Y COMANDOS EN ESTILO INDIRECTO

- 1.- *"Don't put sticky things in your pockets", said his mother to the child.*
- 2.- *"Follow that car!", the detective said to the taxi driver.*

- 3.- "Could you phone Ana?", I told Tom.
- 4.- "Please, close the door", the teacher said.
- 5.- "Joe, I'd like you to work late", my boss said.
- 6.- "please, don't smoke in my car", I told you twice.
- 7.- My girlfriend remember me, "Write to me every week".
- 8.- "Don't play cards for money", the mother said to the child.

OTROS VERBOS INTRODUCTORIOS

Además de *say* y *tell*, existen otros verbos que introducen el estilo indirecto y aportan otros matices como una sugerencia, una disculpa, un ofrecimiento, un rechazo, etc. Veamos su estructura básica:

Vb. INTRODUCTORIO + (THAT) + FRASE EN ESTILO INDIRECTO

claim complain declare explain insist remind reply remark shout
admit() suggest(*) agree(**) promise(**) warn(**)*

<p>"We are prepared"</p> <p>"We'll buy a present for her birthday"</p> <p>"Why don't you do it?"</p>	<p><i>He declared (that) they were prepared</i></p> <p><i>They promised (that) they would buy a present for her birthday</i></p> <p><i>He suggested (that) we (should) do it.</i></p>
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Hay otros verbos introductorios con características diferentes que no rigen las reglas explicadas anteriormente:

*** Vb. INTRODUCTORIO + GERUNDIO**

accuse someone of apologise for insist on recommend admit() suggest(*)*

<p>"I'm sorry. I'm late"</p> <p>"Why don't you do it?"</p>	<p><i>He apologize for being late</i></p> <p><i>He suggested doing it</i></p>
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**** Vb. INTRODUCTORIO + (OBJETO INDIRECTO) + TO INFINITIVO**

Además de con las oraciones imperativas que ya hemos visto, hay otros verbos que rigen esta estructura:

*advise invite offer order agree(**) promise(**) warn (**)*

<p>"Do you like a coffee?"</p> <p>"We'll buy a present for her birthday"</p> <p>"I'll open it for you"</p>	<p><i>He invited me to drink a coffee</i></p> <p><i>They promised to buy a present for her birthday</i></p> <p><i>He offered to open it for me</i></p>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.- "You should work harder", said the teacher. (<i>suggest</i>) 2.- "I am very sorry. I lost your watch", said Joana. (<i>apologize</i>) 3.- "I am innocent", said Paul. (<i>declare</i>) 4.- "Would you like to come home?", said Harry. (<i>invite</i>) 5.- "Let's go", said Peter. (<i>suggest</i>) 6.- "Do you want to meet at five?", said Max (<i>invite</i>) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7.- "I'll go and meet you at the station", said Willy. (<i>offer</i>) 8.- "We're prepared to do it", said the student. (<i>declare</i>) 9.- "Why don't you look for him?", the boss said. (<i>suggest</i>) 10.- "We will buy the drinks", my parents said. (<i>offer</i>) |
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